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SUBJECT: GARBA COMMENTS ON NAMIBIA AND ANGOLAN RAID

AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 9 COMMISSIONER
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BRIGADIER JOE GARBA RESPONDED
TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID
IN ANGOLA AND THE NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS. HIGHLIGHTS
OF HIS COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN MAY 10 DAILY TIMES
FOLLOW:

-- "THIS CRIMINAL INCURSION INTO ANGOLA HAS PUT
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THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK BACK."

-- THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID HAS "CAST A DARK
CLOUD OVER THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA."

-- "IT IS GOING TO TAKE QUITE SOME EFFORT TO
PUT THE MATTER BACK ON THE RAILS."

-- THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION HAS "DASHED HOPES"
GENERATED BY A RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA
FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM DESPITE
SOUTH AFRICA'S QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE
WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS.

-- THE OPTIONS ARE A RELENTLESS ARMED STRUGGLE
AND A HARD BARGAINING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

-- ARMED STRUGGLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BETTER OPTION.
IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARMED STRUGGLE MUST BE
PURSUED UNTIL IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING SWAPO BACK
TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

-- GARBA REGRETTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION
AGAINST ANGOLA PRE-EMPTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST
THE SINCERITY OF THE VORSTER REGIME IN ITS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

-- UNLESS CARE IS TAKEN VORSTER MIGHT CONTRIVE
A PHONY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT SIMILAR TO THAT IN ZIMBABWE.
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